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This Supplemental Response is being filed in response to the Official Action dated September 12, 2003.

In the Amendment filed on May 2, 2003, claims 1 and 12 were amended to include the feature of an arm unit which moves along and is relative to Applicants' column. This feature is illustrated in the originally filed application in Figure 7A and is described in the text which corresponds to that figure. Specifically, Figure 7A shows main arm 736 which moves in a vertical direction along guide rail 738 which corresponds to Applicants' first vertical axis. This is described in the originally filed application at page 12, lines 2 and 3. No new matter has been added.

This feature has also been added to claim 12. Again, no new matter has been added.

Applicants have also moved the recitation of the cable support several lines downward within claim 12. No new matter has been added.

The feature added to claim 1 has also been added to claim 43. Again, no new matter has been added. Claims 45 - 49 have been added. These claims recite that the column is an upright support. This is illustrated by Figure 7A where a linear

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guide rail 738 and column structure 712 (which corresponds to Applicants' claimed column) is shown as an upright support. No new matter has been added.

Applicants have also added new claims 50-53. Claim 50 corresponds to original claim 8, claim 51 corresponds to original claim 9, claim 52 corresponds to original claim 10, and claim 53 corresponds to original claim 11. No new matter has been added.

In view of the further remarks set forth above, the above-identified application is in condition for allowance which action is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted

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